

### **REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the final Office Action of November 10, 2004. Reexamination, reconsideration, and allowance of the application and all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Fifth Response, claims 1-10, 12-17, 31-34, 39-42, 53-56, 58-69, and 71-79 remain pending in this application. Claim 71 is directly amended herein, and claim 70 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application.

The cancellation of claim 70 serves to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of canceled claim 70 in a continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate any of the canceled subject matter to the public.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1-10, 12-17, 31-34, 39-42, 53-56, 58-69, and 74-79 are allowed. Further, claims 71-73 have been indicated as allowable by the outstanding Office Action if such claims are rewritten to include the limitations of their respective base claims. Accordingly, pending claim 71 has been amended herein to include the features of its respective base claim 70, and Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 71 be withdrawn. The remaining non-allowed claims 72 and 73 include the features of allowable claim 71. Thus, claims 72 and 73 are allowable as a matter of law. *In re Fine*, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1596, 1600 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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